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# Spy Chief Drifts Into Friendship

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—

It pays to know the right people, of course. But having a high Government figure in your neighborhood isn't always a blessing.

Take CIA Chief William (Red) Raborn's neighbors in McLean, Va. His super-sensitive prowler alarm system quite often brings police cars screaming to his door at very odd hours. And sleeping neighbors have been known to do a bit of carping and cavilling.

Now, however, Adm. Raborn is a hero. Washington's big snowfall immobilized a lot of McLean folks and county crews were necessarily slow. But Adm. Raborn's roads and paths were cleared at once and grateful neighbors used them. Three days later, the county boys appeared to finish the job.

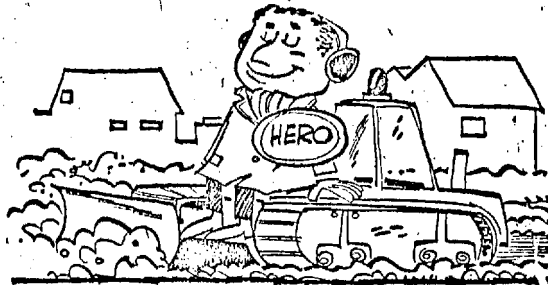
Red Raborn is now the pride and joy of the neighborhood.

## FDR Admirers

White House guests last week end at the reception for the acceptance of Douglas Chandor's painting of Eleanor Roosevelt included Irene and Victor Hammer of New York City.

There by special invitation, Victor Hammer is one of three brothers who own the Hammer Galleries. The brothers bought Campobello, the Roosevelt summer place on an island off the coast of Maine, partly in Canada, partly in the United States.

FDR admirers, the Ham-



mers, originally from Russia, enjoyed Campobello for some years—then in 1964 gave it to our country and Canada. Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Lester Pearson, wife of the then Prime Minister of Canada, accepted the gift for their governments.

Irene Wicker Hammer will be remembered by thousands as radio's "Singing Lady," whose programs were aimed at children.

At the White House party she was wearing one of her favorite pieces of jewelry—a huge rose-cut diamond of about 30 carats surrounded by smaller diamonds. It was originally a button on the coat Emperor Maximilian of Mexico wore on state occasions.

## Hors D'Oeuvres Hot

Henry Haller, the new White House chef, worked his first big party, the Eleanor Roosevelt reception, and hors d'oeuvres in the state dining room had a new look.

Several people mentioned the excellence of the food to the First Lady who beamed. For once, hot hors d'oeuvres were hot instead

of lukewarm or downright chilly.

There was one small cloud in the culinary sky, however. Some White House regulars looked the table over and said, "Doesn't it look like buffet night at a fancy motel?"

## Busy Week

Next week will be a busy one for the First Lady. Monday she's guest of honor at "An Affair of the Heart" luncheon—the annual benefit of the Women's Board of the Washington Heart Assn.

Other distinguished guests on the occasion will be TV's Arlene Francis, some ambassadorial wives, some congressional ladies and Mrs. Averell Harriman.

Tuesday morning Lady Bird Johnson presents awards to the top 25 winners of the 1965

National Cleanest Town Achievement Award contest which is sponsored by the National Clean-Up, Paint-up, Fix-up Bureau.

Feb. 17 she will join, as she does every year, the congressional wives at their annual Prayer Breakfast at 8 a. m.

All the Johnsons, LBJ, LBJ, LBJ and LBJ, are losing weight. The whole family is evidently following the President's strict regimen for cutting calories.